

Merne Junior School

Encouraging Life Long Learners

Fostering a deep love of learning, we empower children to be curious about the amazing world we live in and the natural environment. We enable them to develop and master key knowledge and skills and we build cultural capital by exposing them to a wide range of experiences. We actively encourage creativity, problem solving and resilience.

OUR VISION

"Knowing Every Child": Our mission is to get to know each child and their needs in our increasingly diverse school community. Every person in our school should feel safe, happy and accepted for who they are.

"Inspiring Every Mind" We foster curiosity through engaging lessons and memorable experiences for our children during this important period of learning. We lay the strong foundations for their future. This requires high-quality teaching and learning support and creative, open-minded leadership.

"Achieving Every Day" Through high expectation and an understanding of needs, everyone can look back at their time at Herne and feel confident that they have achieved something to be proud of. This could be academic or pastoral achievement: we recognise and celebrate all. As a result, all learners are motivated, able to reflect upon their learning journey and apply their learning to life.

British and Global Citizen

To actively foster <u>Citizenship by</u> promoting our country's values and enabling children to understand our democratic society. We aim for them to act as responsible Global Citizens, who care about all peoples, work towards a peaceful world and protect our natural environment..

HARMONY and SMSC

We teach children how to embrace the school's concept of HARMONY, and all staff promote our values and what it means to be kind, respectful and motivated young people. We actively develop a sense of spirituality, moral integrity, cultural respect and social adaptability in order to enable them to thrive and succeed in a diverse and ever-changing world.





OUR VALUES

Our school culture is underpinned by our core "Harmony" values:

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Honesty

Motivation

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Independence

Respect

Celebrating Our Community

We nurture an appreciation for our school's local area, by celebrating the diverse nature of the Petersfield community, the rich history of our 12th Century market town and the outstanding natural beauty of the South Downs National Park. We aim for our children to give back to the community and engage in community events in a positive and impactful way.

South Downs

Collaboration

Hooks and Outcomes

Our rich, thematic curriculum is based around a 'hooks' and 'outcomes' approach to learning. We review these annually to ensure they remain relevant and interesting to our children. As a result, children are enthusiastic, motivated and love learning. We ensure outcomes are achievable by children of all abilities and that they can apply their new learning in other contexts.

Collaboration

READING IS KEY

We believe that Reading unlocks all other learning for pupils and for this reason, Reading forms the roots of our curriculum.

Enjoyment

Pupil Voice

We believe in listening to our children and acting upon of their opinions, interests and needs. They are capable of achieving extraordinary things and of shaping our school environment and the curriculum